

Tillbridge Solar Project

**Consultation on proposed changes to
DCO Application following submission:
19 August to 16 September 2024**

Introduction

Following submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Tillbridge Solar Project ("the Scheme") by Tillbridge Solar Limited ("the Applicant") on 10 April 2024 ("the DCO Application") and subsequent acceptance of the DCO Application for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 8 May 2024, the Scheme is now in the pre-examination stage, awaiting the commencement of the Examination period later in 2024. The Examining Authority (ExA) was appointed on 20 June 2024.

Following acceptance of the DCO Application for Examination, the Applicant has continued to seek opportunities to refine the Scheme layout and design. The Applicant has identified a total of 15 non-material changes overall with 13 relating to reductions in the extent of the Order limits and two changes relating to the refinement of site accesses. This is referred to as a 'non-material change application', given the limited nature of the changes; which are primarily reductions in the area of the Order limits.

These changes are limited to:

- Removal of land and the modification of the Order limits as a result of the changes;
- Reduction of highway extents within the Order limits following further design refinement; and
- Refinement of the Scheme layout and design to create two additional accesses off School Lane and the diversion of construction traffic from one proposed access to another access located on the A631 Harpswell Lane.

In order to make these changes, the Applicant intends to submit a request to change the DCO Application ("the Change Application") to the ExA. On 18 July 2024, the Applicant notified the ExA of its intention to submit the Change Application.

We are now consulting on the proposed changes to the DCO Application, between 19 August and 16 September 2024. In carrying out this consultation, the Applicant has had regard to the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Sixteen: requests to change applications after they have been accepted for examination, which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-advice-note-sixteen-requests-to-change-applications-after-they-have-been-accepted-for-examination>

How to take part

Before finalising the Change Application and submitting it to the ExA, the Applicant is seeking feedback on the proposed changes from all parties with an interest in land that is the subject of, and/or who may potentially be affected by, the proposed changes as well as all relevant statutory undertakers and parish councils. If the Change Application is granted, the Applicant would amend the DCO Application in accordance with the changes proposed.

This targeted consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on the changes proposed through the Change Application. By responding, you will enable us to take your views into account as we develop and refine our proposals.

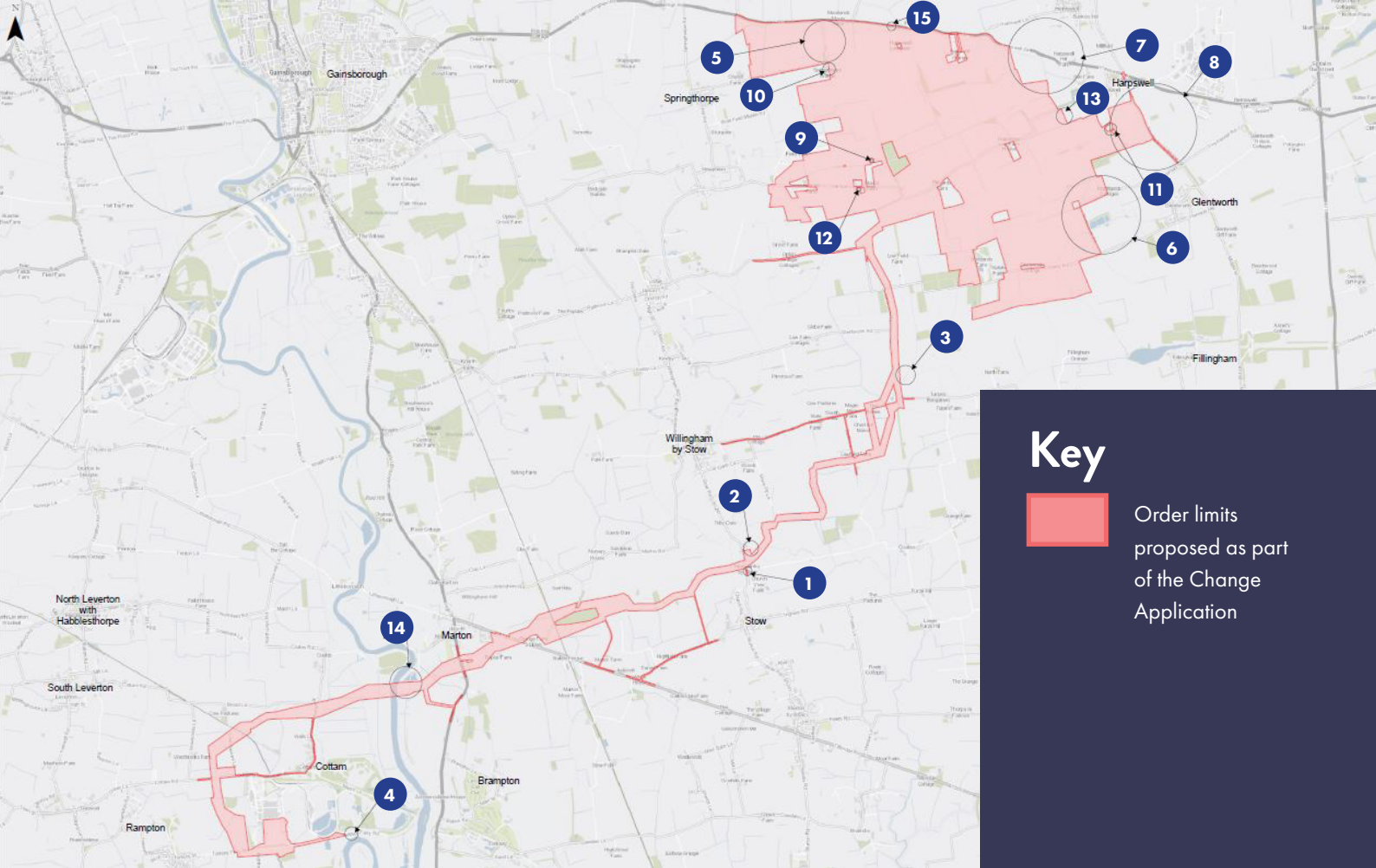
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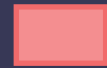
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If you have any questions, please get in touch with members of the team by phoning **0800 046 9643**

The deadline for responding to this consultation is 11.59pm on 16 September 2024.



Key



Order limits proposed as part of the Change Application

Changes included in this consultation

The Applicant has identified a total of 15 non-material changes overall, with 13 relating to reduction in Order limits and two changes relating to non-material changes to site accesses as a result of the refinement of design and layout.

For all 15 changes, it is not considered that they will result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects as a result of the changes.



The location of each change is listed and shown below, with more detail provided on the following pages.

- 1 Reduction of Order limits to the east of B 1241 Normanby Road and immediately south of East Farm.
- 2 Reduction of Order limits to the east of B 1241 Normanby Road located to the north of Normanby by Stow.
- 3 Removal of triangular area of land from the Order limits to the north of Willingham Road.
- 4 Reduction of the Order limits to remove part of Torksey Ferry Road.
- 5 Refinement of Scheme layout and design to create two additional accesses off School Lane (one temporary and one permanent). No change to the Order limits arising.
- 6 Removal of highway extents along Northlands Road and Kexby Road.
- 7 Removal of highway extents along the A631 Harpswell Lane.
- 8 Removal of highway extents along B 1398 Middle Street.
- 9 Reduction to the Order limits on land to the north of Common Lane.
- 10 Removal of private driveway located to the south of School Lane from the Order limits.
- 11 Removal of land from the Order limits to the west of the B 1398 Middle Street.
- 12 Removal of land from the Order limits to the south of Common Lane.
- 13 Removal of track located south of Common Lane from the Order limits.
- 14 Removal of land from the Order limits to the south-west of Marton adjoining the River Trent.
- 15 The diversion of construction traffic from an existing access serving the Pickering & Son Farm located to the south off the A631 (Harpswell Lane) to an existing access track serving Harpswell Low Farm, located to the west of the Pickering & Son Farm, south off the A631 (Harpswell Lane).

Individual changes

The following pages show and describe the individual changes proposed through the Change Application in more detail. The people who may be affected by those changes – including individual land interests and statutory undertakers – have received specific location plans. All plans can be found on the Scheme’s website (tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library).

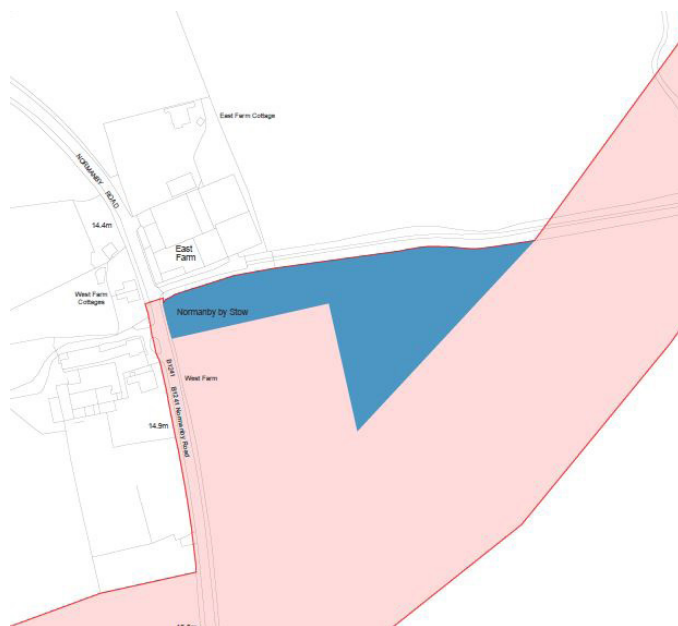
Key

-  Order limits submitted with the Application on 10 April 2024
-  Land proposed to be removed from the order limits as part of the Change application



1 Reduction of the Order limits at east of B1241 Normanby Road and immediately south of East Farm.

Refinement of the Order limits to this part of the Scheme so that it only includes public highway extents and does not involve third party land interests.



2 Reduction of Order limits to the east of B1241 Normanby Road located to the north of Normanby by Stow.

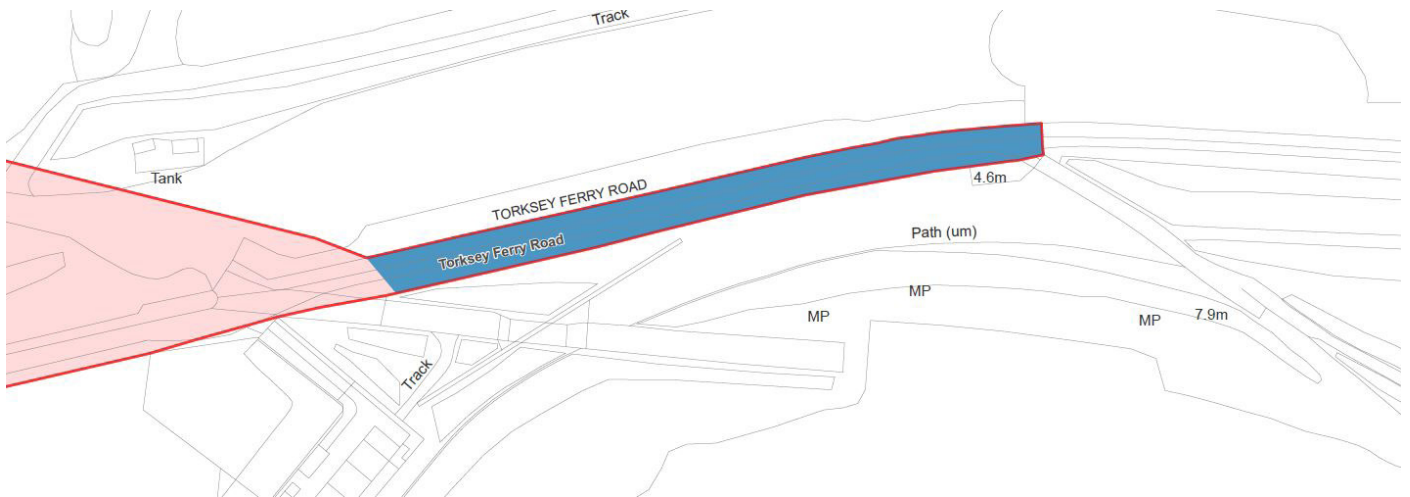
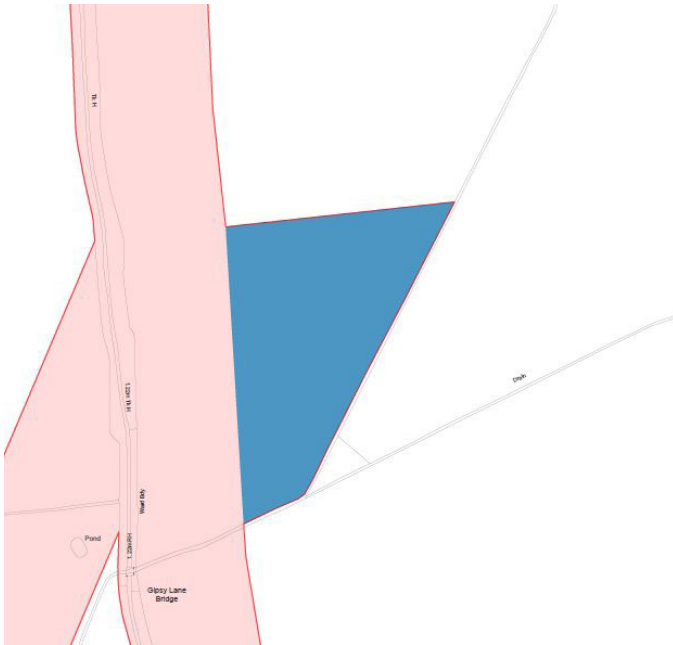
Reduction in area of land required for the siting of a construction compound to the east of the B1241 Normanby Road.

3

Removal of triangular area of land from Order limits to the north of Willingham Road.

Removal of triangular area of land associated with a construction compound.

Alterations to Order limits and no new land interests identified.



4

Reduction of the Order limits to remove part of Torksey Ferry Road.

Reduction in Order limits along Torksey Ferry Road as land no longer required in relation to the alteration of the layout of streets. Land no longer necessary to facilitate access from Torksey Ferry Road into the National Grid Cottam Substation.

5

Refinement of Scheme layout and design to create two additional accesses off School Lane (one temporary and one permanent).

Additional access off School Lane for the construction of a contractor's compound, to the north of the proposed access for "Substation B". Substation now served by a one-way access system ensuring that construction and operational vehicles can enter and exit the sub-station safely.

No amendments to Order limits proposed as change has arisen through further technical considerations and the need to segregate the movement of vehicles associated with the construction of the Cable Route Corridor and the construction of Substation B.



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Removal of Highway Extents along Northlands Road and Kexby Road.

Removal of highway extents along Northlands Road and Kexby Road that is no longer required for access, therefore a reduction in Order limits.

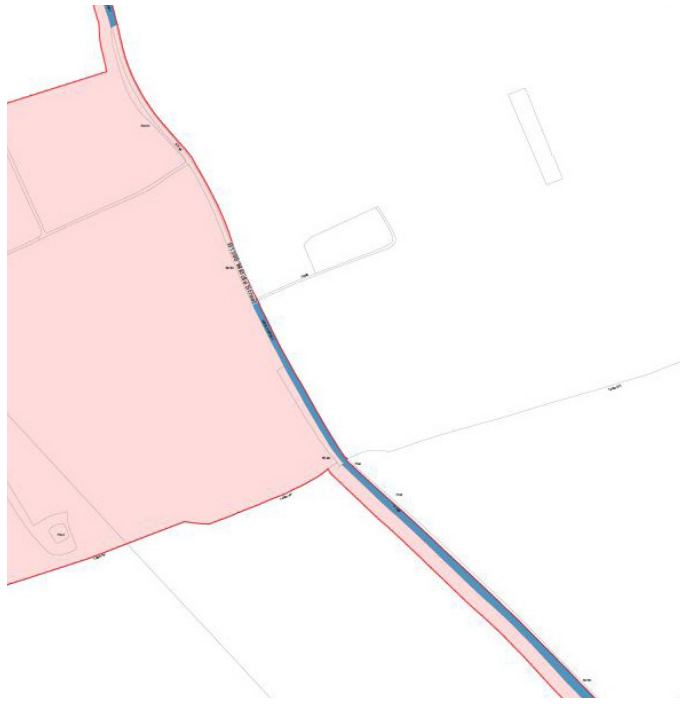


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Removal of Highway Extents along A631 Harpswell Lane.

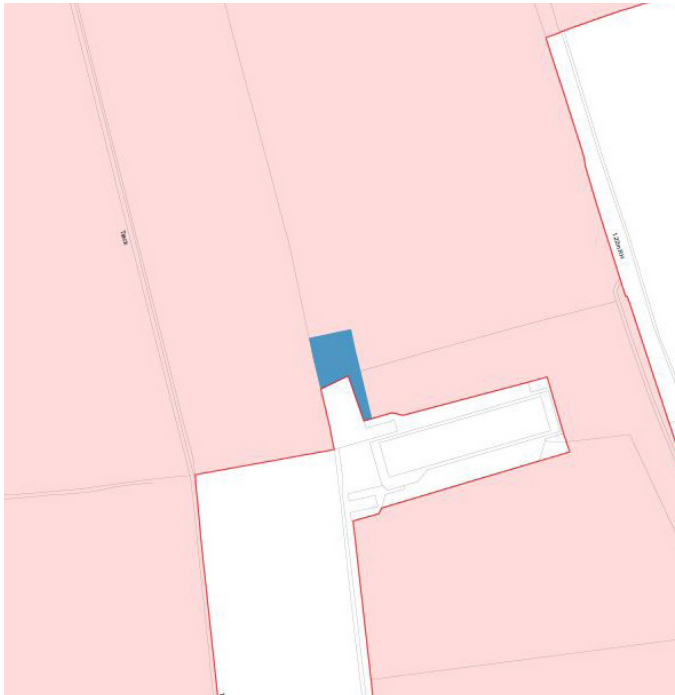
Removal of highway extents along the A631 Harpswell Lane to the east of Principal Site Access. This change therefore constitutes a reduction in the Order limits.

Land is not required to facilitate alterations of the layout of existing streets or to allow traffic management measures.



8 Removal of Highway Extents along B1398 Middle Street.

Removal of highway extents along the B 1398 Middle Street, where no works are proposed; therefore this constitutes a reduction in the Order limits.



9 Reduction to the Order limits on land to the north of Common Lane.

Reduction to the Order limits following ongoing discussions and engagement with Affected Parties. No additional land outside of the current Order limits is required.

10 Removal of private driveway located to the south of School Lane from the Order limits.

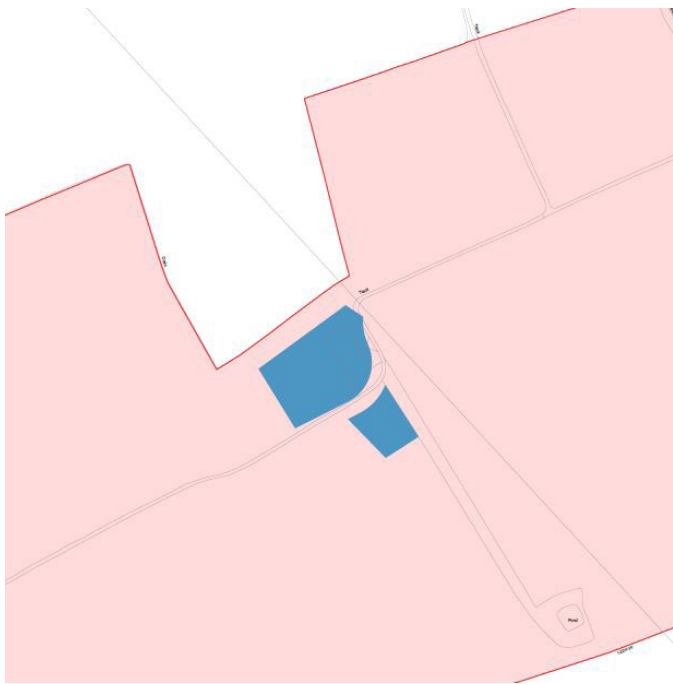
Reduced Order limits to exclude land that relates to a private drive serving a dwelling, following ongoing discussions and engagement with Interested Parties.

The private drive is not required for access to construct the Scheme.



11 Removal of land from the Order limits to the west of the B1398 Middle Street.

Reduction to the Order limits following ongoing discussions and engagement with Affected Parties. Removal of area of land that Affected Party would like to retain for their own use.



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Removal of land from the Order limits to the south of Common Lane.

Reduction to the Order limits at specific locations following ongoing discussions and engagement with Interested Parties. The change involves the removal of an area of private garden from the Order limits that the Interested Party would like to retain in its existing use.

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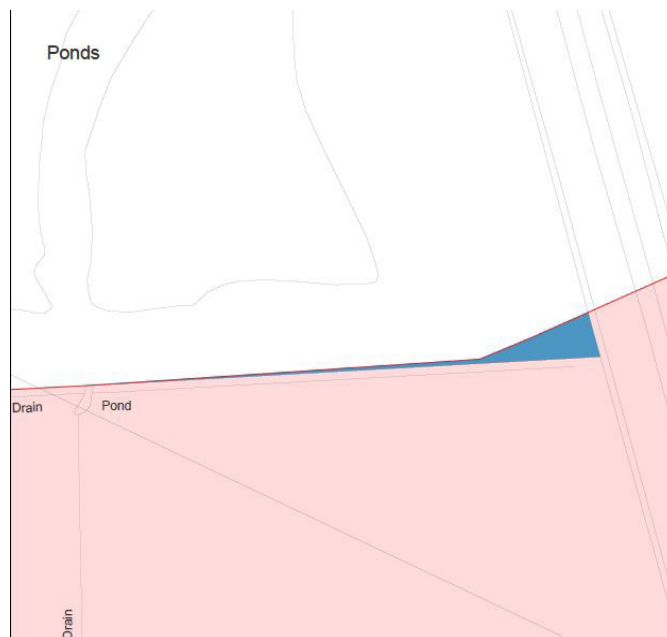
Removal of track located south of Common Lane from the Order limits.

Proposed that a track adjoining the eastern boundary of the Principal Site is removed from the Order limits following ongoing engagement and discussions with Affected Parties.





14 Removal of land from the Order limits to the south-west of Marton adjoining the River Trent.



Reduction in Order limits following ongoing engagement and discussions with the Canal and River Trust, as parcel of land relates to operational land, which they require to retain in existing use.

15 The diversion of construction traffic from an existing access serving the Pickering & Son Farm located to the south off the A631 (Harpswell Lane) to an existing access track serving Harpswell Low Farm, located to the west of the Pickering & Son Farm, south off the A631 (Harpswell Lane).

This change does not relate to a change in the Order limits but a revision to the access strategy associated with the construction of the Scheme following discussions with Affected Parties.

Construction access south of the A631 (Harpswell Lane) via the Pickering & Son Farm will no longer be used during construction (to be used only during the operational phase and for emergencies). Construction vehicles will instead use an existing access track serving Harpswell Low Farm also located south off Harpswell Lane.

No additional land outside the current Order limits is required.

Next steps

Your feedback from this targeted consultation will be considered by the Applicant in finalising the Change Application. Responses received will form the basis of a consultation report that will be submitted alongside the Change Application.

The Applicant will then submit the Change Application to the ExA which, if granted, would amend the DCO Application in accordance with the changes proposed. The Examination on the DCO Application would then proceed with the revised Order limits and other minor amendments that are proposed. All relevant revised Application materials would be made available to review on the National Infrastructure Planning website as part of the 'Examination Library' for the Scheme: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010142/documents>

This consultation

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